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Title: Need to set up an office of Employees Provident Fund Organisation in Palakkad, Kerala.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): Opening of a sub-regional office of EPF at Palakkad has been a long pending demand. Currently, provident fund and Pensions of thousands of employees have been managed by SRO Kozhikode which is about 180 km from Palakkad. To redress their grievances Pensioners and employees of Palakkad need to spend a whole day and incur huge expenses by travelling all the way to Kozhikode. Geographically Palakkad is the largest distrit in Kerala and also the second largest industrial area in the State. The undergoing expansion of defence PSU, BEML ad the proposed Coach factory will make Palakkad the most important industrial area in the State. In connection with the Rail Coach factory number of ancillary units comprising of thousands of employees will also come up in the near future. Thus, thousands of employees, pensioners and family pensioners will be benefitted by an office of EPFO at the industrial town of Palakkad. I urge upon the Government to take necessary steps to set up a sub regional office of EPFO at Palakkad.